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EXHIBIT: #VII.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Acting Commissioner\*

DATE: February 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the Review Team for the Lesley University renewal of State Board Authorization to Offer Credit Courses and have a Physical Presence in the State of Maine.

**BACKGROUND:** The Lesley University was authorized by the State Board of Education (SBE) in 2011 to offer classes online and through face-to-face format at the Berwick Academy. Lesley University has received three five-year-renewals from the SBE. Currently, Lesley University offers the following programs:

Online	Hybrid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Autism Certificate</b></li><li>▪ <b>Advanced Professional Certificate-Online Teaching</b></li><li>▪ <b>Advanced Professional Certificate-Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</b></li><li>▪ <b>M.Ed. Educational Technology</b></li><li>▪ <b>M.Ed. Effective Teaching</b></li><li>▪ <b>M.Ed. Literacy for K-8 Classroom Teachers</b></li><li>▪ <b>M.Ed. Mathematics Education</b></li><li>▪ <b>M.Ed. Science in Education</b></li><li>▪ <b>PhD in Educational Studies: Adult Learning Specialization.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction with a Specialization in Integrated Teaching through the Arts</li><li>▪ M.Ed. Individually Designed Program</li><li>▪ M.S. Ecological Teaching and Learning</li></ul>

Lesley University is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and is authorized to grant undergraduate and graduate degrees by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts Department of Education. The institution has been continuously accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges since 1952.

The review team will meet with Lesley University program representatives on February 12, 2016 through video conference at the University of Maine.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education approves the list for potential State review team members for the Lesley University application renewal and designate Dr. Mary Mahoney O'Neil of the University of Maine as Chair.

\*Presented by Ángel Martínez Loredó, Higher Education Specialist  
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**Proposed State Review Team Membership**

Chair    Dr. Mary Mahoney O’Neil  
            The University of Maine System

Dr. Erin Connor  
University of New England

Ms. Rachelle Tome  
Department of Education

**Non-Voting Participants**

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